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Dear Ms. Hesse,

As one of the younger members of the North Carolina Republican Party's Central Committee, I have a strong interest in how government interacts with technology so the economy is strengthened in the future. As Chairman of the North Carolina Federation of College Republicans, I want to formally ask that Judge Kollar Kotelly approve the landmark settlement between the federal government and Microsoft. Here's why:

I do not believe that Microsoft has done any harm to even one single consumer. And without consumer harm, what reason exists to bring an antitrust case? None. Face this fact: the future is in high tech jobs. Also, every industry is going high tech. Imagine the damage done by the federal government suing the technology industry's leading company. It discourages young people from being innovative. It discourages them from becoming entrepreneurs.

Our Republic will only survive is maintain a strong free market system. And our market system can only thrive if companies continue to be innovative. I hope the settlement is finalized soon, so that American business can operate at its full capacity again soon.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely, Mattalans Matthew Adams State Chairman